

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, April 14, 2012
American Legion Post No. 500, Speedway, Indiana

Call to Order: Commander Walls called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander Walls; Senior Vice-Commander Bowyer; Junior Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; and Patriotic Instructor Winters. In all, seven brothers and two sisters were present.

Brothers in Distress: The son of Brother Thompson has [REDACTED] and will be starting treatment soon.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as handed out.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as handed out.

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- Form 27: The Form just needs the Treasurer's signature before sending it to the Department.
- Riverside Cemetery: Boy scouts have not volunteered to help with the cleaning. We will meet at the cemetery at 9 a.m. on May 12.
- FOP Monument: Brother Williamson will be helping with the Hancock County Fallen Officer Memorial for his Eagle Scout Project.
- Pendleton Civil War Days: This will happen on May 5-6. There will be a Civil War ball on Saturday night. Mr. Marsh will bring his artillery display. Brother Bowyer will give a presentation about the SUV after the Sunday service.
- Memorial Day: Our ceremony on May 28 will be a tribute to an Unknown Soldier. We will meet at 11:15 a.m. at the 34th Street entrance. The details will be listed on our camp website.
- Danville Civil War Days: This will be held June 22-24. Last year was the first year for this. Brother Walls will provide more information about this, which will be posted on the website.
- Banner: We are listed on page 13 of the Banner for the Last Soldier in Newton County rededication ceremony.
- Archives: We received a copy of Indiana House Resolution 60, which honored the 125th anniversary of the GAR, SUVCW, Auxiliary to the SUVCW, LGAR and DUVCW in 1991. This will be added to our Camp Archive collection.
- Request from a Wisconsin Son: This brother has requested a dedication ceremony for his great-great-great grandfather Private Charles Bachman, 43rd Indiana, who is buried in Parke Company near Rockville.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Biowash: The camp needs to order four more bottles of Biowash. Brother Beckman moved to order them (up to the cost of \$200) and to be reimbursed by the camp. Brother Winters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Summer Encampment: This will be held June 2 in Kokomo.
- Frankfort Bunnell cemetery: Paperwork has been submitted for three new headstones. Veterans' records have been requested for three other soldiers to also get new headstones. The rededication will be held on October 20. We would like to make this a sesquicentennial event.
- Auxiliary: The two sisters at our camp are looking into the possibility of starting an auxiliary group to the SUVCW that would meet with our camp.
- Patriotic Instruction: Brother Winters spoke about Lincoln's assassination. Surgeon Charles Leale was able to dislodge a blood clot in the wound that allowed Lincoln to survive until 7:22 a.m. the

next morning. Three surgeons were able to collaborate on Lincoln's condition. He was shot behind the left ear and the bullet lodged in the left side of his brain, so it was a mortal wound. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony by the camp.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Garry Walls, Commander

Date